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Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sock, particularly for use in sporting activities, which has a cushion padding in the area of the Achilles tendon, characterized in that, the cushion padding is formed from at least two spacer cushion pads, which are positioned on both sides of and along the Achilles tendon, and a transition piece is inserted between the spacer cushion pads, and the spacer cushion pads are constructed and arranged to stand out distinctly relative to the transition piece, both the spacer cushion pads and the transition piece extending outwardly from the outer surface of the sock.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 ~~1~~, characterized in that, the transition piece is designed in the form of a cushion pad which has a smaller thickness than the spacer cushion pads.

4. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 ~~1~~, characterized in that, the transition piece is produced from climate-regulating fabric.

5. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that, the transition piece is produced from climate-regulating fabric.

6. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the spacer cushion pads are adjusted to the anatomical shape of the foot in the area of the Achilles tendon.

7. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the spacer cushion pads consist of internally hollow fibers, which are surrounded by wool or

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cotton.

8. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the sock has additional cushion pads.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the sock has an air channel.

11. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 1, characterized in that, the spacer cushion pads are adjusted to the anatomical shape of the foot in the area of the Achilles tendon.

12. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that, the spacer cushion pads are adjusted to the anatomical shape of the foot in the area of the Achilles tendon.

13. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 4, characterized in that, the spacer cushion pads are adjusted to the anatomical shape of the foot in the area of the Achilles tendon.

14. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 1, characterized in that the spacer cushion pads consist of internally hollow fibers, which are surrounded by wool or cotton.

15. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 1, characterized in that, the sock has additional cushion pads.

16. Canceled)

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17. (Currently Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 2 1, characterized in that, the sock has an air channel.

18. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that, the sock has an air channel.

19. (Previously Amended) A sock in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that, the sock has additional cushion pads.

20. (Canceled)